Security lapse at Coimbatore airport

1630. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether security lapse has been reported at the Coimbatore airport as nearly 25 approach light fittings on the runway were found missing recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount lost in the theft; and

(d) the steps taken by the authority to avoid such happenings?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) An incident of theft was reported at Coimbatore Airport on 27.1.2002 in which 25 approach light fittings/bulbs were found missing. The entire stolen property worth Rs. 50,000/- has since been recovered.

(d) Central Industrial Security Force is now regularly patrolling around the perimeter wall.

Civil Aviation Training Academy in Bangalore

1631. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Civil Aviation Training Academy in Southern part of the country;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has offered 50 acre of land for setting up the Academy in Bangalore; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) M/s. Deccan Aviation Limited has been issued an initial No Objection Certificate (NOC) by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for establishment of Helicopter Flying Institute at Jakkur Aerodrome. The Government of